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Cheryl Brown Henderson and Linda Brown Thompson will speak at today's Forum at 11 a.m. in the Marriott Center.

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From the opposing team, BYUSA presidential candidate Vance Taylor said he is enthusiastic for the finals.

"We truly believe in what we are doing," Taylor said. "It seems as though everyone else on campus does too." Taylor, 21, is a junior from Petaluma, Calif., majoring in broadcast journalism.

Vice presidential candidate Adam Clark said he feels the finals are a new race.

"It starts zero to zero," Clark said. "A lot of the people that would vote for us were split and we kept it quiet. Now it's time to play the game and win."

Clark, 24, is a junior from Sacramento, Calif., majoring in environmental science and geography.

This year's primaries received 5,901 more voters than last year's.

Turkey vows self-defense

Turks warn Greeks not to assist rebels

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey -- Turkey asserted Monday it has a "right to self-defense" if Greece provides support to separatist Kurds -- a thinly veiled threat of military force against its neighbor and rival.

The warning came as a Turkish newspaper reported that imprisoned rebel warlord Abdullah Ocalan had told interrogators that Greece gave his fighters weapons and training, claims Greece has rejected in the past.

Ocalan, captured in Kenya a week ago, is expected to stand trial for waging a 15-year insurrection in Turkey's predominantly Kurdish southeast that has claimed an estimated 37,000 lives. He could face the death penalty.

A judge is expected to bring formal charges against Ocalan today, after the end of the seven-day period in which a suspect can be held without charges.

The hearing, expected in a state security court at the island prison where Ocalan is being held, would be closed to the press and the public.

Ocalan has not had access to an attorney, which has drawn criticism from international human rights groups. On Monday, a group of 15 lawyers -- including several from Turkey's independent Human Rights Association told the court they were prepared to represent him.

"We are members of a human rights organization and believe that everyone has the right to a defense," said Eren Keskin, one of the lawyers.

AFP photo

Kurdish and Greek supporters of rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan protest outside of the Turkish embassy in Athens on Feb. 18. A judge is expected to file formal charges against Ocalan today.

She said Ocalan's family had asked the lawyers to defend him.

The Ocalan affair has inflamed tensions between Greece and Turkey, both members of NATO but also neighboring rivals that have nearly gone to war several times over territorial disputes.

President Suleyman Demirel warned Greece on Monday that assistance to Ocalan's Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, could trigger a military response.

"If Greece chooses to continue with it's illegal actions, we retain our right to take the necessary precautions for our right to self-defense," the semi-official Anatolia news agency quoted him as saying during a visit to Manila.

The national daily Hurriyet claimed Ocalan had told interrogators that Greece provided the PKK with weapons and training at a U.N. refugee center east of Athens in Lavrion, Greece, which mostly houses Kurds.

"They even gave us arms and rockets. Greek officers gave guerrilla training and explosives training to our militants," the newspaper quoted Ocalan as saying.

It did not say how it had obtained the statements, and the account could not be independently verified.

Turkish officials have frequently said in the past that Greece provides military backing to the rebels. There was no immediate response to the latest allegations in Greece, where Monday was a public holiday.

In response to past Turkish allegations, the Lavrion camp has been examined repeatedly by international observers, who were unable to substantiate charges that it served as a military training center for the PKK.

Greece, however, was caught red-handed sheltering Ocalan. Just prior to his arrest he was staying at the Greek ambassador's residence in Nairobi, and he had spent some days in Greece before that.

Turkey has insisted that Ocalan's trial will be fair and told outsiders not to interfere.

On Monday, the European Union urged Turkey to strictly safeguard Ocalan's rights.

Ocalan complained of heart trouble when he went to Italy last fall seeking asylum, but doctors found nothing. Turkey's prime minister told reporters Monday there was a three-member team of doctors, led by a cardiologist, on the prison island.

A group considered to be the political wing of the PKK, the National Liberation Front of Kurdistan, claimed the doctors were drugging Ocalan to "make him weak, drowsy and make him suffer without leaving any traces."

The group provided no evidence to support its assertion, but threatened violence if the rebel leader were harmed.

"If one cell of his body is hurt ... we vow to burn the Turkish Republic with our own fire," the statement said.

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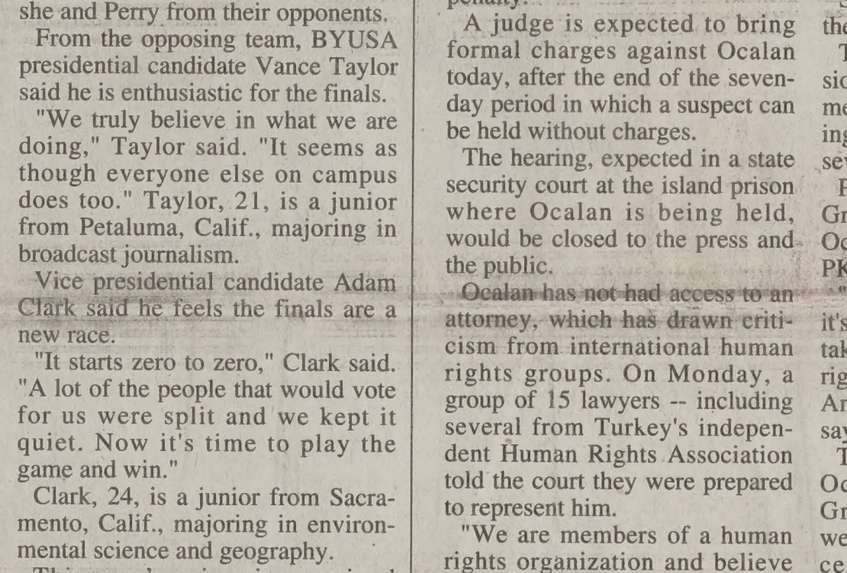

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An-wei and his wife, Mary Nui, visiting scholars from China, study in the Harold B. Lee Library. An-wei, who is not a member of the LDS Church, has worked to promote Chinese-LDS relations.

exchange program between the United States and China. In 1996, An-wei organized the first exchange group allowed in China in over 50 years.

Harris was one of six retired teachers chosen to go.

"(An-wei) is a very effective leader and a very kind man. He has done a lot to bring China forward and create good international relations and the church," Harris said.

Two years ago when An-wei was visiting Utah, he met President Gordon B. Hinckley and talked with Elders M. Russell Ballard and Joseph B. Wirthlin. He volunteered to help the leaders further relations in China anyway he could, An-wei said.

Although he is not a member of the church, An-wei speaks very highly of the principles, the leaders and the members, especially at BYU. He has attended a BYU ward every Sunday since he has been studying here.

"I am a member of the church without being baptized," An-wei said.

An-wei said he believes the LDS Church could flourish in China given the opportunity.

"If more people in China learned the gospel principles behind Mormonism, a lot of crimes could be prevented, and people would be kinder and more successful," An-wei said.

"I hope that when the government allows it, the church will be established in China. The most terrible thing in China is that the people don't believe in any true religion, rather they follow ideologies such as Marxism and socialism. And, the younger generation doesn't believe in anything. I think Helen was working to improve life for them."

An-wei and Nui said they have really enjoyed their stay at BYU.

"I am really impressed by the students at BYU because they have such a strong belief," An-wei said. "You feel very peaceful, quiet and safe here."

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Gunman strikes again

Police say local thefts connected

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The Sunday robbery of Arby's Roast Beef restaurant in Orem marks the sixth crime police believe to have been committed by the same masked gunman since January, said Lt. Bob Conner of the Orem Police Department.

At approximately 9 p.m. Sunday, a man wearing a dark-colored hooded fleece sweat shirt and dark ski mask entered the restaurant, pointed a semi-automatic gun at the employee and demanded money, Conner said.

The Orem Arby's, at 1150 S. State, is the second fast food restaurant that police believe the gunman has robbed.

The other four robberies were all took place at gas stations.

The gunman is described as a white male with a slender build about 5'10" tall.

All of the witnesses contacted at each robbery reported that the gunman fled on foot after each of the robberies, Conner said.

The string of robberies began on Jan. 18 at the Crestview Husky Self Serve gas station at 1594 S. State.

Sinclair Retail gas station at 175 E. 800 North was the second business hit by the gunman on Jan. 25. Later, the Pleasant Grove Circle K at 341. E. State was robbed Jan. 31.

The Subway sandwich shop at 1416 N. State was the first restaurant to be robbed on Feb. 7. Last week, Walker Oil Company, 251 N. State, was also hit by a similar gunman.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Court keeps Virginian abortion law

WASHINGTON — Monday, the Supreme Court left intact a Virginia law requiring doctors to notify a minor's parent before performing the abortion she seeks.

The justices, without comment, turned away arguments that the law wrongly denies most mature girls under 18 the right to an abortion without parental involvement.

Monday's action is not a decision and does not preclude the possibility the court may review the Virginia law, or one similar to it, at some future date.

In other action Monday, the court declined to revive lawsuits stemming from the 1986 terrorist hijacking of Pan Am Flight 73 in Karachi, Pakistan.

The court also decided against allowing Hare Krishnas to solicit donations or sell religious literature at Miami International Airport. The court rejected an appeal that argued such restrictions violate free-speech rights.

The court also agreed Monday to use a Nevada case to clarify a 1996 federal law aimed at curtailing federal court access for state prison inmates who seek to challenge their state prosecutions.

Russia to reduce steel shipments

WASHINGTON — Russia agreed Monday to limit steel shipments into the United States, avoiding punitive tariffs that had been sought by the nation's steel industry.

The agreement was announced by Commerce Secretary William Daley. Daley said it will mean a cut of almost 70 percent in Russian steel shipments coming into the United States compared to their levels last year.

"These agreements deliver on the administration's commitment to respond vigorously to the surge in imports that has threatened the livelihoods of communities and workers around the nation," Daley said in a statement announcing the deal.

Russia initiated the discussions after the U.S. industry filed complaints charging Russia, Japan and Brazil with "dumping" steel in the United States at unfairly low prices.

The administration believed a negotiated agreement was the best approach given the severe economic hardships being faced by Russia, whose economy was pushed into a steep recession last year by the currency turmoil that began in mid-1997 in Asia.

Levi's new cut: employee layoffs

NEW YORK — Levi Strauss & Co. announced Monday it will close 11 of its 22 plants in North America and lay off about 5,900 employees as the jeans maker struggles with slumping sales.

The San Francisco-based company said it will shift production to plants overseas, which will enable it to spend more time and money on product design and marketing, two areas where it has been lagging in recent years.

The layoffs, which come on top of previous job cuts, will affect 30 percent of its work force in the United States and Canada.

With many teens and young adults seeking hipper styles than traditional Levi's jeans, Levi Strauss sales fell 13 percent last year to $6 billion.

Levi's business has been under pressure as it competes with well-known labels from the Gap and Tommy Hilfiger, newcomers like MUDD and JNCO and lower-priced jeans from Sears and Wal-Mart.

Conservatives: morality on the rise

WASHINGTON — Conservative activists say they have a lot to be proud of despite President Clinton's acquittal in the Senate impeachment trial and a leading conservative's suggestion that the country was "approaching barbarism."

Janet Parshall, national advocate for the Family Research Council, told a news conference Monday that cultural indicators show Americans' attitudes and actions shifting towards "traditional morality" despite the Feb. 12 verdict clearing Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice in the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

"The public momentum is going in the right direction," Parshall said.

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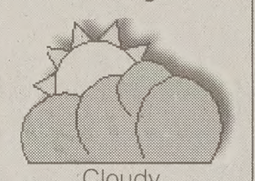

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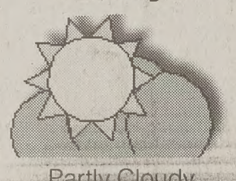

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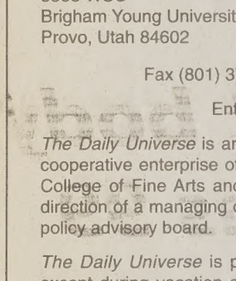
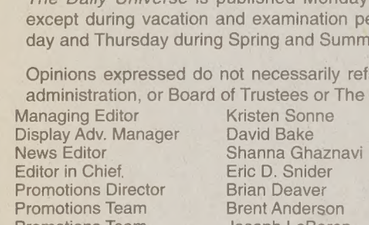


Scripture of the Day

"And my father dwelt in a tent."

— *1 Nephi 2:15*

Greg Wells says, "I would like to be as confident in the Lord's direction as Lehi was, and be ready to leave his establishment, pick up his life and follow. Wells is a 27-year-old graphic design major from Provo.



Drug Court offers alternative

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Two Utah County felony drug offenders had their charges dismissed Friday after graduating from Drug Court.

Drug Court provides intensive judicial supervision of alcohol or other drug-related cases by reviewing the offender's performance. The option to join the program is given only to first time, non-violent felony drug offenders who are residents of Utah County. A similar program is also available in Salt Lake County.

The system allows offenders to enter a guilty plea while sentencing is delayed until the program can be completed. If the offender successfully completes Drug Court, the drug-related charges are dropped.

To graduate from Drug Court, substance abusers must remain drug-free for a minimum of one year, report to a judge on a scheduled basis, complete several urinalysis tests, maintain a full-time job and graduate from high school if they have not already done so.

Judge Ray M. Harding of Utah County's Fourth District Court is heading up the two-year pilot program. Drug Court has already completed its first year and boasts three graduates.

> ***"We all make mistakes when we're young. (Drug Court) gives the opportunity to not have a felony ruin your life."***
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> *— Caleb Buswell, Drug Court graduate*

Brett Cornaby, of Spanish Fork, was one of Friday's Drug Court graduates. As a private pilot, he said he is grateful for the clean slate he has as a result of completing the program. A felony drug offense record would have been detrimental to his career, he said.

Caleb Buswell, of Lindon, was the other graduate on Friday. He said he is also thankful for the program and his opportunity to participate in it.

"We all make mistakes when we're young. (Drug Court) gives the opportunity to not have a felony ruin your life," Buswell said.

Judge Harding said about 85 percent of crimes in Utah County are drug related. "Something has to be done to stop it. If we could stop the use of drugs I could retire," he said.

Some may think participating in the program is a small price for drug offenders to pay in return for having t dropped. However, County Attorney La thinks otherwise.

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Clinton, governors talk school, tobacco

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton and the nation's governors grappled with differences over education policy, tobacco money and Internet sales taxes Monday, as Washington went back to work after the impeachment fight.

Clinton complained that some critics were trying to frame the political debate "in partisan or ideological terms and try to force everyone to take sides." He told the governors, "I want to work with you."

Republicans — and some Democrats — groused that Clinton was imposing too many conditions on school money from Washington. "The federal government should be a limited partner not a general partner," said Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who has been urged by many Republicans to run for president in 2000. "If they feel like sending money back to the states, fine. But don't tell us how to run things."

> ***"The federal government should be a limited partner not a general partner."***
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> *— George W. Bush, Texas Governor*

On Tuesday, the Republican leaders of the Senate and House will get their first chance in 19 months to sit down with the president. Many GOP lawmakers are still licking their wounds from their failed struggle to drive Clinton from office.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said Republicans would push Clinton for more details of his plans to save Social Security and the possible deployment of U.S. troops to Kosovo, if a peace accord is reached.

"I don't know if we are capable of fulfilling another deployment responsibility" without a clearer idea of the terms and conditions, as well as an accounting of how it would be paid for, Armey said.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters he hoped Clinton would use the White House meeting to respond to a letter Lott sent him Feb. 5 expressing GOP concerns about a U.S. deployment in Kosovo.

"I think it's critical we know exactly how this will evolve," Lott said. "We've not known that in the past. We now have spent almost $10 billion in Bosnia, and we still don't know exactly what the end game is there."

Assembled for their winter meeting, the governors piled onto three buses in sunny if frigid weather and rode to the White House for a roundtable discussion with Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. Later, the president was invited to address a Democratic Governors' Association fund-raiser expected to net $3 million. Republicans were holding their own fund-raiser, bringing in $5 million.

The governors are unhappy that Washington wants to grab a big share of the $206 billion tobacco settlement reached between the states and the tobacco industry last year.

"This is state money," said Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt, a Republican. "The federal government was invited to participate but declined."

Presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said the federal government is required by law to try to recoup Medicaid spending. But he said Clinton told the governors he's willing to consider waiving that requirement if states guarantee they will use their proceeds for health care, programs that reduce teen smoking and assistance to tobacco farmers who are hurt by the anti-smoking campaign.

The governors also are pushing for a system to collect sales taxes on Internet commerce. Michigan Gov. John Engler, a Republican, said that was "the most difficult issue to solve." The computer industry largely opposes taxes on the Internet. An advisory commission created by Congress is to report recommendations on the tax issue in 2000.

Some governors also raised doubts about Clinton's education initiative to build more schools, hire more teachers and penalize states for poor classroom performance.

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a Republican, said the federal government's role in education should be to "do as much as they can to stay the heck out of it. I'm for funds to build schools where school buildings need to be built. But what we need to be building is better kids."

Engler said different states have different priorities. "So it became apparent — the impossibility of the federal government designing a one-size-fits-all system," he said.

Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, a Democrat, said, "We need to get the federal government back as a partner, not telling us what to do."

Clinton said the federal government should give the states more flexibility while demanding more accountability. "I have no doubt that these ideas eventually will spread to every state and school district in America," he said. "The question is, how long will it take to happen."

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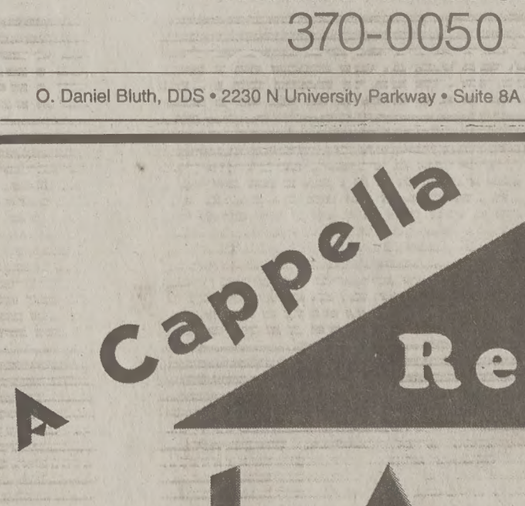

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Browns come to BYU to speak. He said it is important for students to remember the civil rights movement.

"The reason I am so interested in bringing speakers like this here is because of our unique mission at this university. I think all of us need to know more about the heroes that made this social change happen," he said.

He also said that BYU students should look up to those who fought for civil rights.

"The heroes from the civil rights movement are very much our own, and it is not irrelevant to us even if a number of our students happen to be from a less diverse background," Ferrin said.

Thompson and Henderson are involved in the Brown Foundation, a charity founded by the Brown family in Topeka, Kan. The foundation is dedicated to helping less-fortunate children gain a good education, just as the case that the Browns participated in long ago helped children gain access to good education.

The Brown case had a profound effect on all aspects of education, said Vance Randle, chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Foundations. It changed the way education and equality was viewed in the United States, he said.

The Browns have spoken at more than 50 universities and for several news organizations and documentaries.

"I think it's important for students to come see the speakers, to understand the personal side to one of the landmark cases in the United States this century," said Scott Cameron, assistant dean of the law school.

Thompson's son, Charles Smith, will also be coming to the Forum. He and his wife, Sherrita, will speak the following day to students at Wasatch Elementary.

The Forum will be broadcast live on KBYU-TV (channel 11), and KBYU-FM radio (89.1 FM). It will be rebroadcast March 6 at 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. on KBYU-TV and at 8 p.m. on KBYU-FM.

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Moore, the administra- t for public affairs and guest relations, said this visit will give China an understanding of the LDS Church and its mission. It may also remove any misunderstandings.

"Li Zhaoxing is known in China, and the church has a desire to be known in China," Moore said.

Moore said that because BYU is related to the church, the ambassador's visit will help increase understanding of how the Chinese and the church are linked.

"For example, family is very important to both the Chinese and the church," she said.

This is the 50th anniversary of the People's Republic of China, the 20th anniversary of U.S. diplomacy in China and the 20th year of BYU-China relations.

Hyer said the ambassador's visit here and elsewhere will also help Americans understand China. The United States and Americans cannot isolate China, he said.

Jeff Ringer, assistant director of the Kennedy Center, agrees that it is important for Americans to understand China.

"Historically, Americans know more about European history than Asian history. However, our relations with China will be one of the most significant relations we have over the next century," Ringer said.

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"We are targeting the students already involved in groups or clubs on campus. We want to make them aware of the resources we have," he said.

There are 54 BYU chapters within the United States; almost one in every state and 17 others worldwide, said Charlene Winters, a representative from the communications and marketing division of the alumni association.

The chapters present activities throughout the year to involve alumni in helping current students to reach graduation.

The association will hold the Senior Celebration, a free party for all graduating seniors, in Cougar Stadium a week before graduation. The purpose of the Senior Celebration is to thank the seniors and have them leave with a good feeling about BYU so they will be more likely to become contributing alumni in the future, Hall said.

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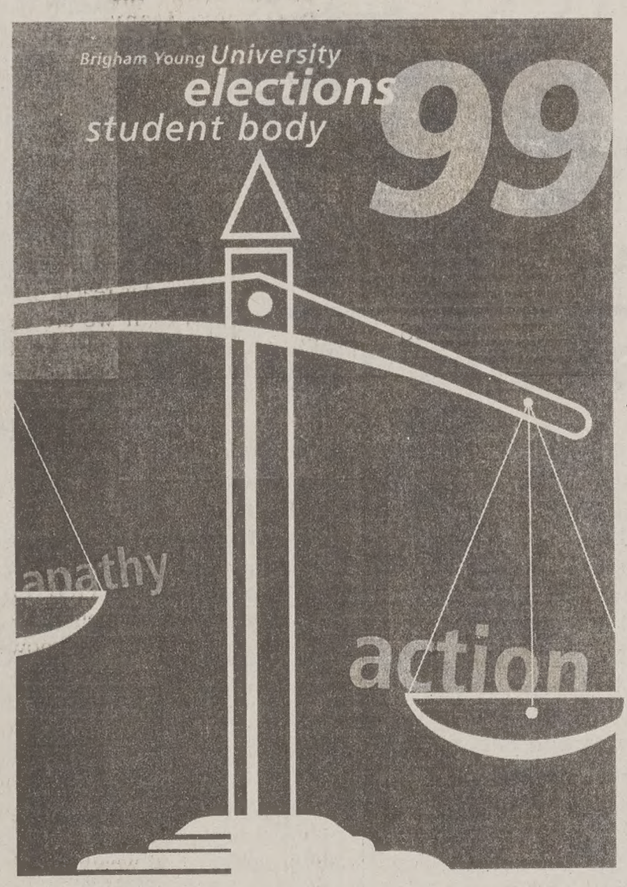

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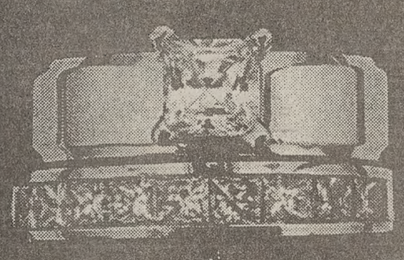

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Kudos to volleyball team

Going over the Rainbow gave Cougar fans something to cheer about.

The best men's volleyball team in the nation wears BYU blue and white. Friday night it had 14,156 fans cheering it on, leaving the old attendance record of 10,225, set by Hawaii, far back in the distance. It was the most people to see a men's volleyball match in the NCAA volleyball's 28-year history.

BYU's 3-1 (15-9, 11-15, 17-15, 15-7) victory over the seventh-ranked Rainbows did more than simply validate the Cougars' ranking. It proved how avidly BYU students support the team.

The home court advantage Friday night was huge. The overwhelming energy from fans cheering at the top of their lungs, the noise and the amazing support of a filled Marriott Center carried BYU through a tooth-pulling third game. Then the fans lived it up as Hawaii handed over the last game. After the game, BYU players and coaches commented on how energizing the crowd was for them.

The football team has filled Cougar Stadium regularly, with the help of many alumni. Fans come out in droves to see the WAC's top program perform for four hours on six fall afternoons. While no sport comes close to football in attendance, volleyball may well be becoming the sport of choice for BYU students.

The crowd at Friday's game was evidence of the students' adoration for this team. Many from the community came out to support the team, but the dominant majority of the record-setting crowd was students.

The rules and terminology of volleyball are easy to learn. It doesn't take years of devotion to learn the game.

The games are fan friendly. Music between serves boosts the crowd for the next serve, and there are only a dozen players for the crowd to know. Many students have seen the volleyball team up close in the Smith Fieldhouse, where they can see the expressions on the players faces. The players' on-court personalities are more accessible and make the game more meaningful.

Volleyball is a game both male and female students have played and know the basics of. The action is just the right pace for fans to get psyched up over and still be able to see the action if they blink.

The fans created a magical evening for the volleyball team Friday night. The record and the victory were sweet for both the team and the fans.

Hopefully, fans won't go on with life and forget what happened over the weekend. The volleyball team is still ranked No. 1, and more exhilarating moments are waiting to be had. Second-ranked UCLA, a traditional volleyball power, visits the Smith Fieldhouse this weekend. BYU will need more fan support to overcome the Bruins and establish itself as the team to beat in this year's NCAA tournament.

Coach Carl McGown and all the team members deserve congratulations for the fine team they've assembled that represents our university so well. And the BYU students deserve a pat on the back for coming out and supporting a less-traditional sport. Keep it up.

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From the Fifth Floor

Same-sex attraction wrong

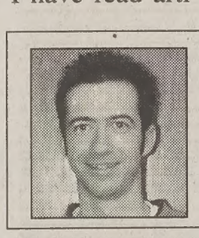
Thursday in The Daily Universe, a commentary on same-sex attraction was run in this spot. I consider myself a fairly open-minded individual, and though I was surprised to find this topic addressed in the Universe, I read it without reservation, wanting to know the author's point of view.

After finishing his commentary, I was very disturbed by some of the thought patterns the author expressed — patterns I think could be dangerous beyond what the author intended.

First, I have never heard homosexuality addressed with the acronym SSA (same-sex attraction). I grew up the last half of my life in liberal-minded and politically correct Massachusetts, but I never heard that term.

Whether the term is a new one or was created by the author is of no concern to me. For arguments sake, I will use the phrase myself.

The author stated individuals are born with same-sex attraction. I have read articles in which scientific and behavioral experts have said the same, as well as articles in which other experts argue that same-sex attraction is a learned or environmentally determined behavior. Suffice it to say the idea of inborn same-sex attraction is not a universally accepted idea, though the author treated it as such.



By
Adam Mangum
Copy Editor

As a society and as individuals, we must take a stand against such thinking. Not all behaviors that are deemed immoral can be explained away by genetics. Created or inborn, I agree with the author we must have an open dialogue within the LDS community to reach out to those who are attracted to the same sex, as we should open a dialogue to help all those who struggle with any temptation.

The author also said his dilemma had enabled him to understand women in his home ward who live their lives unmarried. That idea is ridiculous. How can someone battling a sinful desire equate that with the trial of a woman wanting to simply follow God's plan and enter into the sacred marriage covenant? (I'm sory, but you don't have any idea what these women go through.)

Each person born on this earth suffers trials and temptations. Many, including myself, have experienced discomfort by merely sitting in church meetings. But if we truly believe what we espouse to believe, then we must continue on the uphill slope known as adversity.

Each of us must do this, whether we are attracted to the same sex, or if we suffer from depression or if we are like the Nephites and become too complacent in our lack of trials.

This is what we refer to as enduring to the end.

Though I echo the author's call for understanding and compassion for those who struggle, each of us must press forward with the belief God has a plan for our lives. As part of that, we must reach out our hands to others who struggle and help them along the path that leads back to our Heavenly Father.

But in so doing, we cannot leave our morals behind. We are forced to take a stand, even if it is one of apathy or silent acceptance.

In Elder Dallin H. Oaks' recent Devotional, he stated there are times when we must take a stand on an issue, even if the prevailing wisdom of the world is against us. In doing so, we will not always be popular, but that does not change what is right.

The author of the same-sex article stated his purpose as trying to dispel fears and misconceptions about same-sex attraction. I do not doubt his sincerity, but I cannot agree with the vague position he took. According to LDS doctrine, homosexuality is wrong, end of discussion. This is not like discussions about meat consumption or caffeine.

If we chose to follow the gospel, there are always difficulties associated with that decision. In no way am I trying to trivialize or minimize the struggle of another of God's children. But I know what is right, and I will stand by it: Same-sex attraction is wrong.

Adam Mangum is a junior from Norwell, Mass., majoring in print journalism.

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Readers' Forum

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Disappointing

Dear Editor:

I now just sat down to my computer to look over the candidate list for student body president. What a disappointment. Reading the candidates' platforms was an exercise in repeated deja vu: campus issue updates, Married Student Association, published off-campus housing ratings, increased club support, strengthened Freshman Council, peer counseling/tutoring, unified student information sources, improved advisement, teacher evaluations, etc. Plank after plank, each pair of candidates has so much in common with every other, voting for any seems to be sheer folly.

As a single graduate student who will receive my master's shortly, I couldn't help but feel disenfranchised by these cookie-cutter candidates, none of whose platforms adequately or even closely represents my issues or concerns. Moreover, I feel slightly patronized when I recognize how many of their planks are nothing but buzzwords or faits accomplis which are already being implemented or which the student body president and vice president have no control over anyway.

It usually isn't much to ask for a bit of independent thought, but it might be a bit out of line to expect it in a field like this, where not even one mixed pair of candidates thought to buck the perennial trend by running a women for president with a male vice president.

Can anyone feel comfortable in voting for candidates whose qualifications for office are unstated and whose platforms are duplicates of each other? I certainly cannot and will therefore abstain from this election.

R. Craig Harman
Wilmington, Del.

Leave us alone

Dear Editor:

To the BYUSA candidates: We plan on voting for the candidate that bugs us the least. If we actually accept one of your fliers, it will be to remember your name so we can vote for someone else. Call off the dogs.

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Ryan Lamb
Littleton, Colo.
Darwin M. Rygg III
Somerville, N.J.

Keep it up

Dear Editor:

As I made my way across campus this morning past little Y mountain ranges, banners, jingle singers and campaign handout distributors, I remembered just how uninformed I am about campus activities and events. So I've decided to vote for the BYUSA candidates who will promise to spend as much effort, creativity and time advertising campus events as they spend advertising themselves throughout campaign week. Any takers?

Shane Hopkins
Richmond, Utah

Rip off

Dear Editor:

After hearing the racquetball courts in the Smith Fieldhouse are being converted to more workout space for the athletes, I have decided enough is enough. It's time all tuition paying students woke up and smelled the Postum. We are getting ripped off.

Why do we have to sacrifice so much for the athletic teams? How long do we have to desperately search in vain to find an empty racquetball court? How often will we share our swimming lanes with four other people during the meager two hours a day that we are even allowed to use the swimming pool? How big of crowds will we endure just to weave through Provo's general public on that pathetically short truncated indoor track? How many times do we have to walk past the nearly empty "athletic" weight room, only to stand in line and wait for someone to leave the "student (wall to wall) body" weight room full of broken step master machines? How much of this do we have to endure before we realize "this stinks"?

You would think that a university run by a religion that encourages good healthy living would do more to accommodate a student body trying to stay healthy. I guess here at BYU we are more interested in "proving" the rewards of our good healthy living through the performance of our athletic teams than we are in actually trying to practice what we preach.

Jon Marshall
Salt Lake City

We're right here

Dear Editor:

On behalf of every single woman at BYU, I read Thursday's letter "Where have you been?" and I have a few things to say. First of all, I was at the fireside with two of my female friends.

Second and most importantly, I am tired of hearing men complain about not having dates. There are over 10,000 single women at BYU that are not in hiding. The problem is men sit around complaining they don't have dates when they should be asking women out on dates. If you want a date, just ask. Women want to be asked out. If you're still whining about not having a date, I have two things to say: Take my advice, or stop griping.

Megan Bezzant
Pacifica, Calif.

It's OK to cry

Dear Editor:

This letter is addressed to all the male members of this school who have been forced to be molded into what society calls a man.

While growing up, we are taught to express our feelings, but this dramatically changes for young men when they reach a certain age. They are teased, picked on, and called names by other guys if they express "too many" emotions.

For example, a short time ago I was having conversation with one of my roommates, and after I said something he didn't agree with, he started to harass me. He started teasing me to the point that I became quite sensitive and began to cry, which, of course, only provoked him even further.

We finally worked things out, but my point is: "So what if I'm sensitive?" Why can't I be treated like any other person with sensitive feelings.

I believe other men will agree with me when I say the pressure on men to be strong, rough and non-sensitive is ridiculous. I'm sure every man would admit this if he was not intimidated by what others would say. We need to break the trends society has set for us and have no fears in expressing how we truly feel. Don't be afraid of what others may say, it is OK to cry.

Jaren Wilson
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Responding to

Dear Editor:

In response to Thursday's View dling same-sex attraction," al opportunity to clear up a few mis presented regarding those of us from opposite-sex attraction. The us, the heterosexual community, t that the feelings and desires whic same-sex attraction have for the s comparable to the feelings hetero for members of the opposite sex. SSA do not choose to have those you choose to have yours?" This taken. In my attraction to the op personally cannot ever recall mak scious decision to be straight. Ne still think the comparison is unw the following reasons.

My religious values teach me n members of the opposite sex in ar not wrong. To the contrary, I'm feelings are healthy and norma when I choose to misuse such po self-gratification issues of immora

Can the same be said for those Are the desires they have for th healthy and normal? No, for th reason: Their attraction for men same sex cannot ultimately lead eternal blessings rewarded to thos uals who use their procreative p the limits and the boundaries the Thus the feelings and desires tho have for the same sex are in no w ble to the mutual feelings shar members of the opposite sex.

My heart goes out to those wit they should be denied the very power that summoned them into e tragic, inexplicable mystery that answered by the Lord is his own g define "procreative power" as n sessing the necessary biological procreate, but the requisite de opposite sex to share with them. go through life with problems; d that such problems need to be ad public forum?

Mike McKeon
Valencia, Calif.

Help out men's s

Dear Editor:

Before coming to BYU, I playe semi-professional level in Hunga opportunity to play against and p some of the most talented and va in the country. In my decade-long seen and played with players w for various professional teams most prominent leagues.

To my great surprise, the most p of the globe is run on a "hobby" l even though we have as much, o port as some of the sanctioned university. Last year's games ave spectators. What's even more dis most of the players could easily g at any one of the Division I uni some of them would have a f chance of playing for European or semi-professional teams.

The BYU men's soccer team has best soccer players in the nation these players compete at a high "hobby"? These players invest a amount of time into soccer. N these players are in their prime. good. This team has played and b Division I teams. It has justified a sanctioned team and not just team. I think it should be taken in tion.

Miklos Kremser
Hungary

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ivise from left) Ruth Allred, Debra Broberg, set the stage for the Provo's Theatre
ra Allen, Brandon Klock and Nathan Company's production "Marvin's Room."

Utah Symphony plays Oscars

By JENI DEERY
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Exactness is what it takes.

The Utah Symphony will perform musical scores to clips of Academy Award-winning movies Wednesday.

Guest director Robert Henderson uses an analog clock to match the music with the film.

"But the clock only gets me close. I have to be much more precise than each second ... so I also have to watch the screen," said Henderson, who lives in Wyoming but has background in composing for Hollywood productions.

Henderson said he will only practice twice with the Utah Symphony before Wednesday's concert, but he has been preparing several hours a day for two months by watching the movies and the clock.

"It takes me lots and lots of preparation," he said. "It's very difficult to do ... it almost takes a sixth sense."

The Utah Symphony has performed this type of concert before, but this week's program will feature different movie clips.

Producer of "Live From Lincoln Center," John Goberman, is the creator of Wednesday's show, "A Night at the Oscars." He has been granted permission from the motion picture studios to use the films.

Goberman erases the music track from movies so audience members will hear the dialogue and soundtrack but listen to the symphony perform the music.

The performance will include three selections from "The Adventures of Robin Hood," written by Erich Korngold. It will include the ambush and archery scenes and the segment in which Robin Hood escapes, Henderson said.

It will also feature eight selections from "The Wizard of Oz."

Henderson said the scarecrow scene, "If I Only Had a Brain," is one of the more difficult songs to match with the movie. He said he must watch the screen and be really accurate, or it is obvious that the symphony is off.

The program will also include the "Burning of Atlantic" scene in "Gone With The Wind," four scenes from "Ben-Hur," two scenes from "Citizen Kane" and the main title to "Star Wars."

"Since its close to Oscar time, this will get people prepared, and it will help them brush up on their oldies," said Katie Sadler, promotions manager for the symphony.

Goberman, who will narrate the program, is also known for his role as creator of the "Alexander Nevsky" film and live orchestra presentation. He is credited with developing the techniques and technology that enable ballets, operas, concerts and plays to be videotaped without disturbing the performers or audience, according to Sadler.

"A Night at the Oscars" will begin at 8 p.m. at Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple in Salt Lake.

Tickets to the one-night performance cost $7 for students or range from $18-$39 for general admission. Call ArtTix at 1-888-451-ARTS.

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Allen), who she hasn't spoken to in 17 years. Lee and her two sons, Hank (Brandon Klock) and Charley (Nathan Broberg), fly out to see if they can help Bessie.

In the first scene of the play, I wasn't impressed with Shephard's portrayal of Bessie. Her lines seemed rehearsed and unnatural.

But as Bessie's condition heightened, so did Shephard's believability. Weak from the cancer and the weight of a household with so many dependents, Bessie almost emotionally collapses.

Bessie's constant smile is used to mask the pain and darkness mounting inside of her, an excellent inner struggle that pulls the audience in.

Focusing on the unspoken pain of Lee and Hank, the play also delivers comic relief. I laughed in each scene from Bessie's visit to her spacy doctor to Lee's stealing of the complimentary candy in the office.

I found the most ironic part of the play in the scene change. "Somewhere over the Rainbow" and songs from "Oklahoma" danced around in a mockery of the stark reality of life during the changes. There aren't always happy endings and maybe there aren't any rainbows at all.

"Marvin's Room" is a well done play and I recommend it for adults.

"Marvin's Room" is showing at the Provo Theatre Company. It plays through March 20. Show times are at 8 p.m. every Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tickets range from $12.50 to $15. For student discount and group rate information, call 379-0600.

edy Night explodes with laughs

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Caliendo's impressions were realistic and his biggest asset in the routine. His best were of Williams and Chris Farley. Other favorites included members of the "Seinfeld" cast.

Caliendo began to repeat some of his comedy but saved himself by succumbing to the audience's demand for a repeat of his Chris Farley impersonation.

Caliendo said he loves to do comedy because it means he doesn't have to work for a living.

Brandon Mull, a junior from Thousand Oaks, Calif., majoring in public relations, performed a fifteen-minute comedy routine to open the show. He mentioned he had originally planned to make fun of I-15, but decided against it because that would be like hunting a quadriplegic deer. Mull did mention his feelings on the construction closer to home at BYU.

"I'm sure if we were to poll the students about what we needed on campus, it would be a bigger library. Not something ridiculous like underground parking," Mull said.

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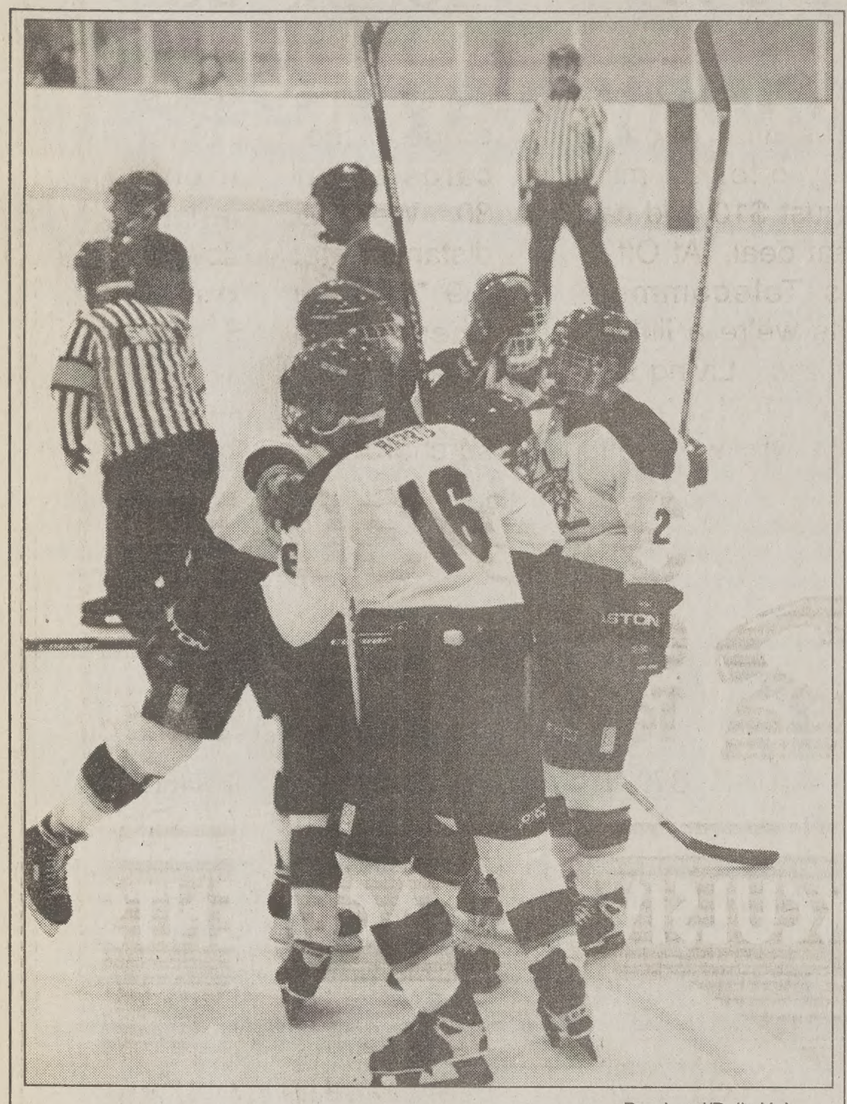

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No. 16 Bart Harris in a huddle with his brother Tylor Harris, No. 2, during the IceCats' game at Seven Peaks Ice Arena on Saturday.

Hockey a family affair for IceCat brothers

By TRICIA GARNER
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Provo IceCats' brothers duos Bart and Tylor Harris and Mike and Mark Martinez seem like night and day on the surface.

One pair is animated and outspoken, the other mellow and down-to-earth. Bart Harris missed the first half of the ice hockey season due to a suspension dating from last year's playoffs, while Mark Martinez just got his first penalty last weekend for ending up on the bottom of a five-player pileup. They're not even from the same country — the Harrises hail from Alberta, Canada, while the Martinez brothers call Massachusetts home.

But despite differences in personality, one thing is certain — all four bring a dominant presence to the ice and serve as the invigorating forces behind a much-improved IceCats team.

Older brothers Bart Harris and Mark Martinez are sophomores, while Tylor Harris and Mike Martinez are freshmen. All four began playing hockey between the ages of five and six under similar circumstances.

"Our backyard kind of dipped down, so every winter our dad had the fire department come fill it in with water so it froze over. It became kind of the community skating pond," Mark Martinez said.

"We had the same type of thing," Bart Harris said. "In Alberta it's cold and everything, and sometimes we'd put water on the road and skate out there."

Due to age differences, this is the first season the Harrises have had the opportunity to play with one another, and only the second year the Martinez brothers have shared the ice.

"I like playing with (Mark) because it's like having a little bit of extra support out there," Mike Martinez said.

Bart Harris agreed that there are definite benefits to playing with someone as trusted and well-known as a brother.

"I tend to look for (Tylor). I have confidence in his shot and look for him to put it in the net," he said.

"We don't look to show each other up, but to show each other what we can do," Tylor Harris said. "I actually think I play better with him. We feed off each other and our different styles of play."

A hot topic among all the brothers is the criticism directed toward ice hockey in general — due to the aggressive nature of the sport.

"In hockey, I don't understand why anybody gets mad when a punch is thrown because no one says anything when a punch is thrown in boxing," Bart Harris said. "Hockey is such a high emotion, high tempo game. When people try to take that out of the game, it loses something."

Even the mild-mannered Martinez brothers agree that hockey is given a bad rap at times.

"Boxers know they're going to get punched, wrestlers know they're going to be chucked around, and hockey players know they're going to get some hits," Mike said.

Gymnasts win despite sub-par performa

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The 11th-ranked BYU men's gymnastics team showed it's tough to beat even when it's not running on all cylinders Saturday, as the Cougars edged No. 14 Stanford 222.15-222.00 and beat Cal Berkeley and members of the Australian National Team in Palo Alto, Calif.

The team had high expectations going into the meet, as it was coming off a home meet where it manhandled Stanford and Air Force. On the road, the test was a little tougher and the Cougars missed on a lot of routines.

"We weren't really mentally sharp," head coach Mako Sakamoto said. "Physically we were all right, but we just need to get more consistent."

Graduate assistant Nat Hammond said the coaching staff is still trying to find the right routines and rhythms to get the most out of the team.

"We looked like a beginning of the season team and we can definitely do better," he said.

High points of the meet included Courtney Bramwell winning the rings with a score of 9.90 and finishing first on the vault. Guard Young continued his consistent performance, finishing second in the all-around.

Even though the team didn't do as well as expected Saturday, Sakamoto said Monday that spirits were high among the gymnasts. He said they are focusing on improving, instead of on the mistakes they made.

Sakamoto said he told the team members before practice that they need to have something extra to bring out their competitiveness when they perform routines. He said the key is to have a "fight to the bitter end and never give up" attitude.

Sakamoto said the team will be changing to better simulate the atmosphere of a high tion in a big meet. He said mental toughne members of the team overcome the small away meet, such as the feel of different equ

BYU will look to implement his advice this week when it visits UCLA Thursday fo mar Invitational.

Men's tennis nets a spilt in Texas games

By GEOFFREY M. HOWARD
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The BYU men's tennis team took its rackets deep into the heart of Texas and came away with one win and one loss over the weekend.

The 44th-ranked BYU men's tennis team netted five of the six singles matches in its win over the University of Texas-Arlington on Saturday.

Gert Vilms, Jeff Harbach and David White won their singles matches in straight sets while Manuel Calvo and Damien Ward went to three-set victories. There were no doubles matches.

The Cougars ran into true Texas pride on Friday in a 6-1 loss to 32nd-ranked Texas Christian University.

Jeff Harbach, playing in the No. 5 singles position, scored the lone point defeating Sebastian Iannariello 6-2, 6-4.

BYU played an average match, head coach Jim Osborne said.

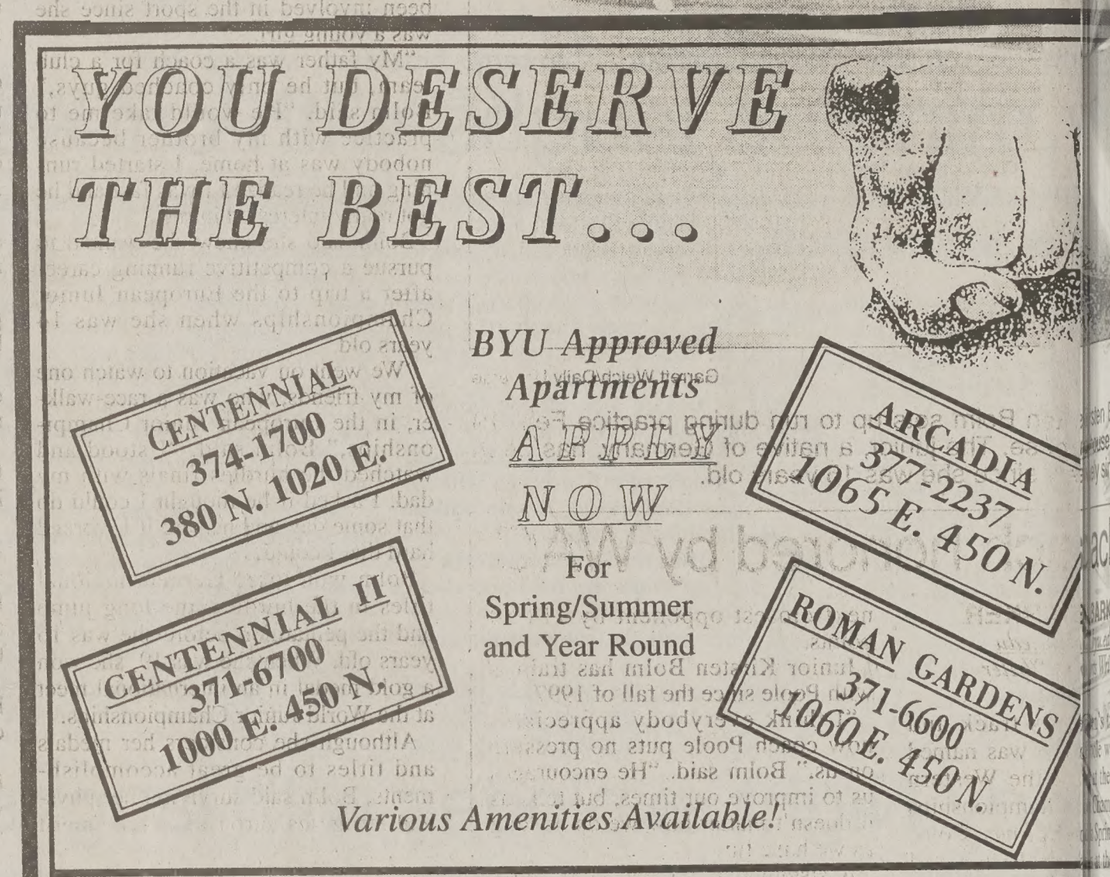
"We need to step it up against some of these top teams," he said. "I know our guys are capable and I'm not discouraged."

Osborne said the team is still working on the doubles combinations.

Harbach teamed up with Manuel Calvo in doubles and won 8-3 over Trace Fielding and Petr Koula. However, the Horned Frogs picked up the other two doubles matches and the doubles point.

The Cougars are 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the WAC this year.

The team's next match is at home against Utah State on Friday at 5 p.m. at the indoor tennis courts just south of the Smith Fieldhouse.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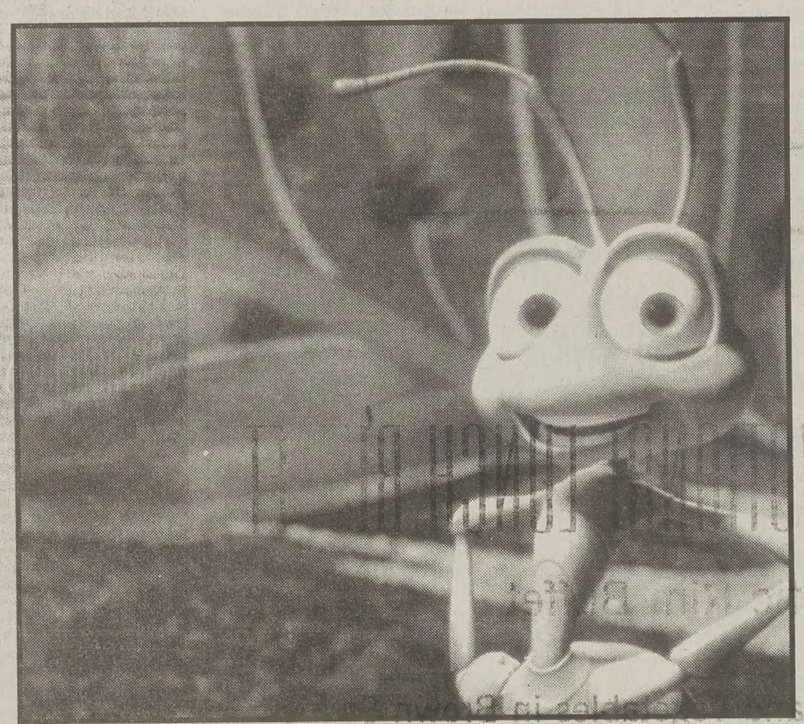

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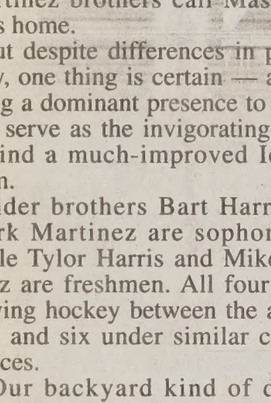

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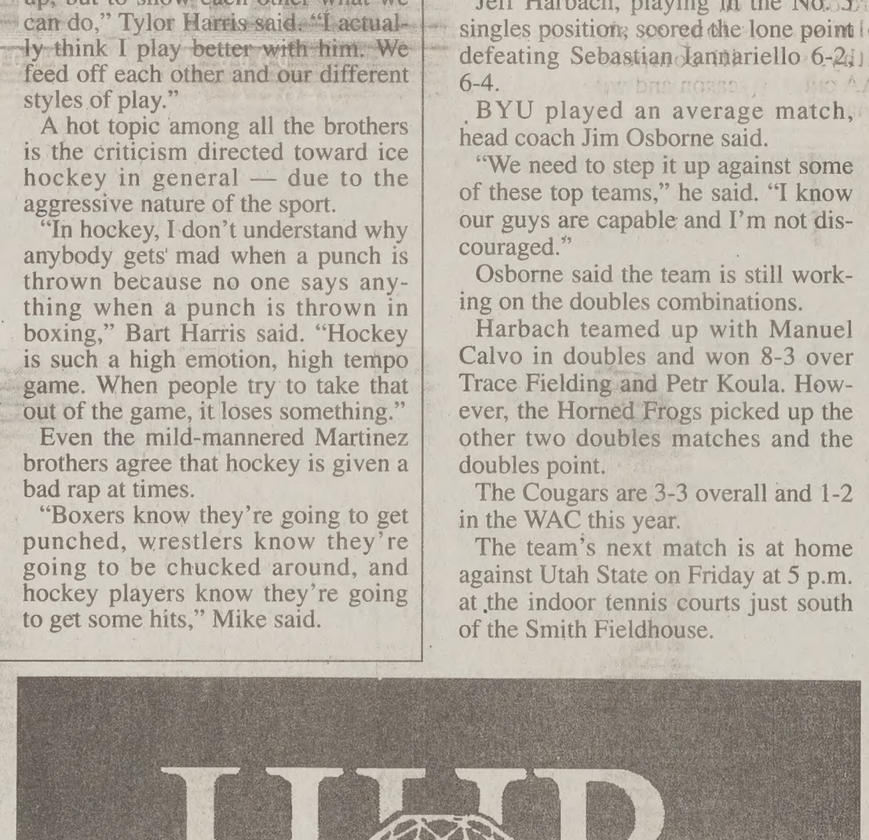

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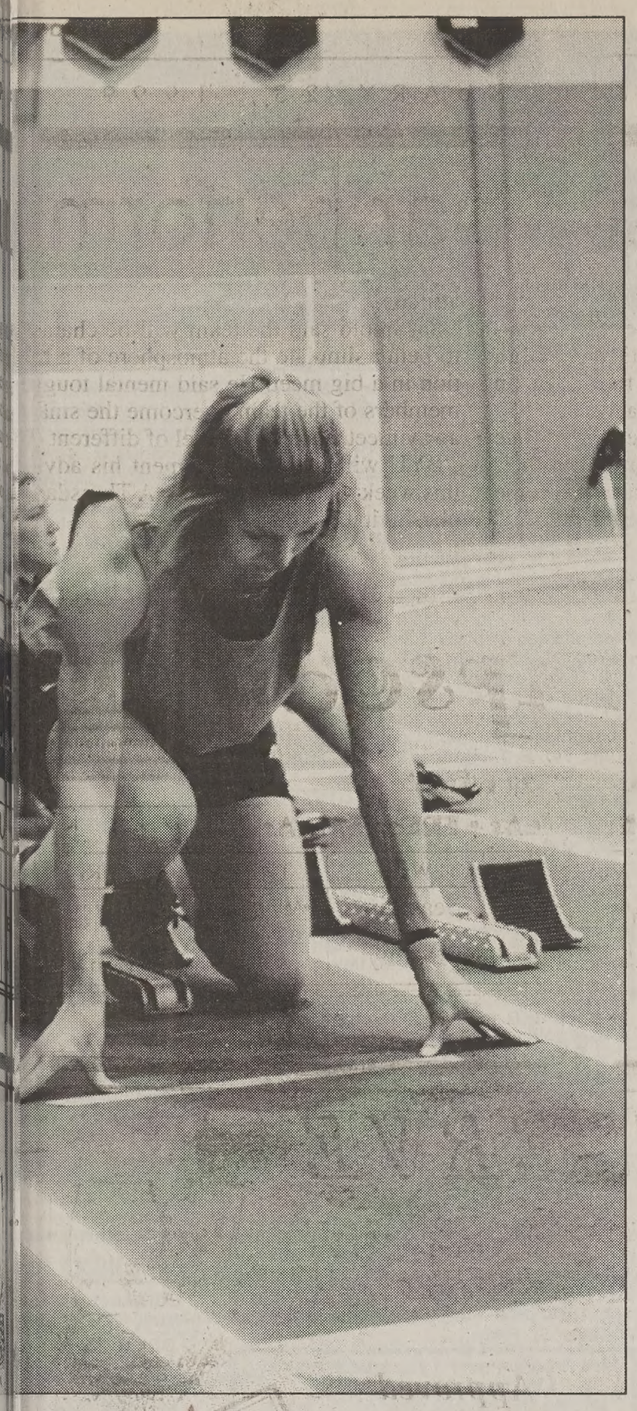

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isten Bolm sets up to run during practice Feb. 10 ouse. The junior, a native of Germany, has been ely since she was 15 years old.

Up, up and away: Y hurdler beats injuries on way to top

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In 1994, junior Kirsten Bolm was on top of the world ... literally.

Representing her native Germany, Bolm won a gold medal at the World Junior Championships in the 60-meter hurdles. She was only 19 years old.

Bolm's time in the spotlight was memorable, but fleeting. Shortly after winning the championship title, Bolm faced a string of injuries and frustrations that have kept her out of serious competition for nearly four years.

Bolm is now 23 and one of the major forces that has driven the BYU women's track and field team to the top of conference and national competition.

BYU sprinter Milena Alver said Bolm is successful because she's doing what she loves to do.

"Track has been her main thing her whole life," Alver said. "She knows what she wants to do and she is a hard worker, so she'll do it. She gives it all she has."

Bolm has been running competitively since she was 15 years old, but has been involved in the sport since she was a young girl.

"My father was a coach for a club team, but he only coached guys," Bolm said. "He would take me to practice with my brother because nobody was at home. I started running and he realized I was fast and he got really interested in me."

Bolm said she knew she wanted to pursue a competitive running career after a trip to the European Junior Championships when she was 14 years old.

"We went on vacation to watch one of my friends, who was a race-walker, in the European Junior Championships," Bolm said. "I stood and watched the hurdles finals with my dad. I asked if he thought I could do that some day and he said if I worked hard that I could."

Bolm won three German national titles in the hurdles, the long jump and the pentathlon before she was 16 years old. When she was 19, she won a gold medal in an international meet at the World Junior Championships.

Although she considers her medals and titles to be great accomplishments, Bolm said surviving her physical struggles surpasses every merit she's ever achieved.

"When I look back at the struggles over the past four years, I realize I am competing on a much higher level," Bolm said. "I am more mature as an athlete. My desire to run is coming from inside."

Bolm's first encounter with the Cougars occurred in 1992 when she was 17 years old. She returned from an international meet in Europe and found an envelope from the BYU coaching staff under the door of her hotel room.

Because she was already successful and happy, Bolm said she never seriously considered coming to America.

"I didn't want to leave my father," Bolm said. "I had a good year and things were good in Germany."

The BYU coaching staff was persistent in its recruiting efforts. Two years later, in 1994, assistant track coach Patrick Shane visited Bolm at her home in Europe.

Bolm said Shane's visit is probably the reason she chose to attend BYU nearly three years later.

"I was recruited by many colleges, but I didn't know that much about them," Bolm said. "I remembered being impressed with coach Shane and that's eventually one of the big reasons I came."

Ultimately, Bolm said she decided it was time for a change of scenery. She had competed in the same area with the same people for years. She wanted to rebound from her injuries, but felt she could not accomplish that in Germany.

Bolm wrote a letter to BYU, asking if her previous scholarship offer was still available. She transferred to BYU in Fall Semester 1997.

Because her college credit from Germany wouldn't transfer, Bolm had to start over as a new freshman. She is majoring in psychology and expects to graduate after December 2000.

Bolm sat out most of the 1998 season with serious injuries to her back and knees.

Finally, after a successful training program in the off-season, Bolm is back into regular season competition.

She has qualified nationally numerous times in both the long jump and the 60-meter hurdles.

Bolm said she wants to be successful, but isn't going to push herself too hard.

"I'm just going to go and run and have fun," she said. "Either I make it all the way or I don't. I'll run my fastest, but if someone has a better time than me, then they'll win ... and that's fine."

Head track and field coach Craig Poole said there has been a definite change in Bolm's attitude and focus.

"She is much more optimistic," Poole said. "She has a new focus on wanting to be successful. She has made good corrections in her technique and she has good therapy."

Bolm won first place in the 60-meter hurdles and the long jump at the WAC Championships last Saturday in Colorado Springs, Colo., and was awarded the women's High Point Award of the meet.

Bolm said as long as she stays healthy, she will compete in the NCAA outdoor season and will run in Germany this summer.

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Junior Kirsten Bolm has trained with Poole since the fall of 1997.

"I think everybody appreciates how coach Poole puts no pressure on us," Bolm said. "He encourages us to improve our times, but tells us it doesn't matter how we do as long as we have fun."

Assistant track coach Dick Legas said Poole's experience and knowledge of track and field creates a respectful atmosphere between him and his athletes.

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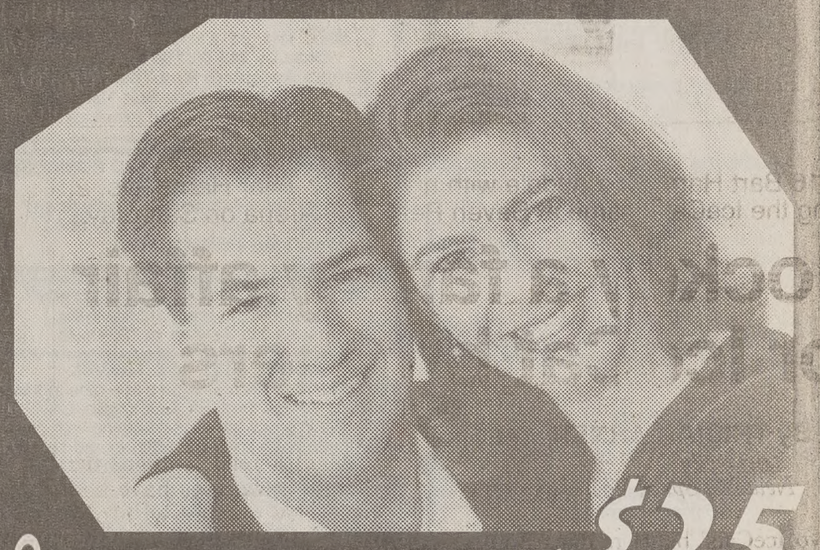

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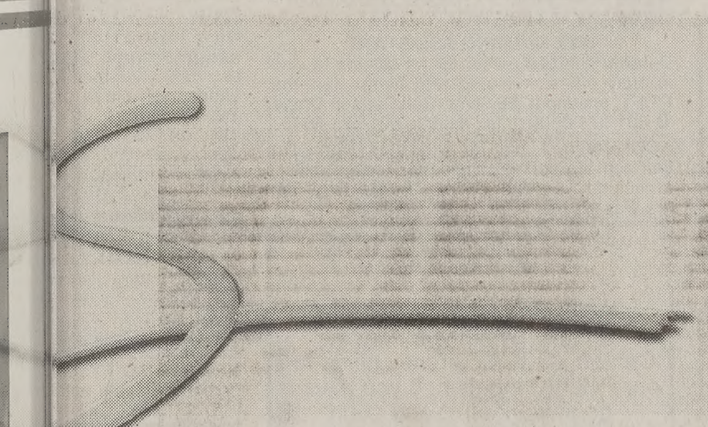

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The History and Heritage of
Brown vs. The Board of Education

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There were cases brought by African American parents challenging the notion of segregated public schools as early as 1849, but it would take more than 100 years after the Civil War before this country began to abandon segregation policies. The court ruling forcing this abandonment came in the case commonly called *Brown vs. The Board of Education (Oliver L. Brown vs. The Board of Education of Topeka, et al.).* The efforts of those involved in this momentous court case ultimately changed the course of history.

Linda Brown Thompson and Cheryl Brown Henderson are two of the three daughters of the late Reverend Oliver L. Brown, who, in the fall of 1951, along with 12 other families led by attorneys for the NAACP, filed suit on behalf of their children against the Topeka (Kansas) Board of Education. That case (combined with cases from Delaware; Washington, D.C.; South Carolina; and Virginia) made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, resulting in the famous ruling on May 17, 1954.

These two sisters will recount the history and resulting heritage of the famous case bearing their father's name. Linda Thompson has been a Head Start and private piano teacher. She is currently a program associate with the Brown Foundation. Cheryl Henderson has been an educator for 26 years and at present is executive director of the Brown Foundation. She is past chair of Women Work, a national women's network representing some 15 million women. In June of 1996 she became the first African American from Kansas to run for the U.S. House of Representatives.

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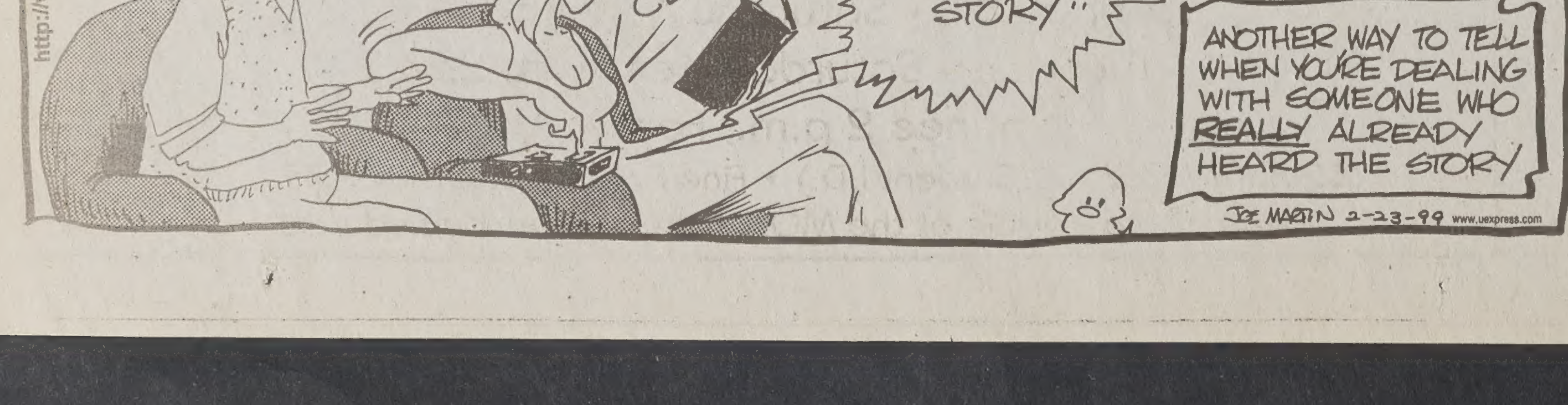

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Bill offers a boost in health coverage

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Utah Representatives gained a few more days to deliberate a bill that demands equality in health coverage of mental and physical illnesses Sunday.

Debate centered around whether or not businesses would be able to afford an increase in medical insurance.

House Bill 159 asks for health insurance policies to provide more coverage of mental illnesses through managed care and other health care means.

Salt Lake Democrat Judy Ann Buffmire, author of the mental health parity bill, said that 19 other states have legislation in place that require equality in mental health coverage. She said that many mental illnesses cost insurance companies more money because of health problems related to depression, anxiety, and stress.

Rep. Patrice Arent, D-Salt Lake, standing in support Buffmire's health bill said, "We cannot see diabetes, just as we cannot see mental illness, but they both cost more to treat if they are left not cared for."

Rep. Bill Hickman, R-St. George, led the debate against the bill. He admitted that mental health patients need more help but said increased coverage meant too much of an increased cost for small businesses.

Buffmire said that health coverage should only increase by 1 percent, but there is debate about how much it will really amount to. Representatives stood in strong support of the health bill despite the increased costs, but their efforts weren't enough.

Losing by four votes, the bill was sent back to the rules committee. Once the bill receives a new fiscal note, the debate will continue.

Albanians urged to sign

Associated Press

RAMBOUILLET, France -- Secretary of State Madeleine Albright pressured ethnic Albanians Monday to sign a Kosovo peace accord so the full focus of diplomacy could be aimed at the recalcitrant Serbs.

"If we had the Kosovo Albanians agreed, that would change the situation fundamentally," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said. "Then we would be able to use the very real prospect of NATO military action to concentrate the minds of the Serbs."

The future of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army remained a sticking point for the ethnic Albanians.

Under the proposed three-year interim plan, the KLA would be disarmed.

The ethnic Albanian delegation at the peace conference, made up of KLA members as well as more moderate politicians, was apparently split on the disarmament issue.

Rubin said Albright spoke by telephone with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and Albanian officials in Tirana. She also planned to call President Bill Clinton.

He reported no progress in the talks Monday.

The phone calls, he said, were to work up support for "the emerging agreement" of the Kosovo Albanians. He said their demand for a referendum on independence was also a major sticking point that needed to be worked out.

"Kosovo Albanians continue to move forward toward an agreement," Rubin said. "The Serbs are not engaged seriously on the military part, which is an integral part of the agreement."

Serb negotiators say they are prepared to sign a deal giving Kosovo Albanians wide autonomy, but they refuse a military annex to the agreement that calls for up to 30,000 NATO troops to enforce the deal.

That position threatens to be the deal-breaker, and could result in NATO airstrikes on Serbia.

During a stroll around Rambouillet Monday, Serbian President Milan Milutinovic echoed comments over the weekend in which he seemed to indicate the Serbs would be willing to talk about the military issue -- after a political deal.

"I said to you before that we may discuss the scope and character of that after the agreement," he told reporters. "We are for the political agreement," he said. "After that we can discuss implementation."

It was not clear if his comments represented a real change in the Serb position.

Good bill names equal good votes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It wouldn't be easy to vote against the Taxpayer Relief Act. And what about the Stop Sweatshops Act or the Drug Free Century Act?

With 535 senators and representatives vying for attention in Washington, lawmakers are increasingly finding that getting their legislation passed starts with coming up with a good name — even if it sometimes is somewhat misleading.

"There are 5,000 bills introduced each year and they won't go anywhere if the titles are too arcane or too bureaucratic," said Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., who is sponsoring a bill informally named the Honest Balanced Budget Act of 1999.

Congress has also borrowed the names of others to promote legislation. There's the Brady Act, the gun-control measure named for press secretary Jim Brady who was wounded in the assassination attempt on President Reagan; the Ryan White Act funding AIDS research and named after an Indiana boy who died of AIDS; and Megan's Law, a bill named in memory of a New Jersey girl killed by a child molester that mandates public information about convicted molesters.

Senate Historian Donald Ritchie said the trend toward more clever monikers began in the 1960s, when the democratization of Congress gave junior members a chance to move their bills forward if they had the right political savvy.

The Republicans, after their takeover in 1995, put special effort into names in their "Contract With America" agenda, coming up with the Common Sense Legal Reforms Act for a controversial bill limiting lawsuits on faulty products and a prison-building bill called the Taking Back Our Streets Act.

"You want to make it sound like it's a motherhood-and-apple-pie issue," Ritchie said. "That overlooks the fact that often there's more than one way to look at something."

Behind some of the high-minded sentiments in some of the names lie controversial proposals. The Taxpayer Relief Act would reduce individual income tax rates by 10 percent, a Republican plan that is adamantly opposed by the White House and most Democrats.

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—Donald Ritchie, Senate historian

In the Senate, conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has introduced such bills as the Unborn Children's Civil Rights Act, an anti-abortion bill, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act, which restricts affirmative action programs.

Several years ago, Congress spent a lot of time on the Defense of Marriage Act, which was aimed at denying federal benefits to same-sex couples.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said at the time she thought from the name that the bill was going to deal with some of the stresses that most married people face. "I was looking forward to seeing this legislation. Then when I see it, it turns out to be something completely different," she said. "It certainly is not about defending marriage."

Center offers free skin cancer check

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Local doctors are offering a free clinic Thursday to evaluate skin spots that some people may be concerned about.

The Utah Valley Family Practice Center, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, is sponsoring the skin cancer "spot check" at the Utah Valley Family Practice Center, 1134 N. 500 West Suite 102 in Provo.

According to the American Cancer Society, skin cancer is the most common of all cancers.

Almost one million cases of skin cancer occur in the United States each year.

Specialists say early detection of skin cancer is critical.

"When a cancer is detected early, it has a higher chance of being treated while it is contained and before it spreads to other areas of the body," said Tara Avena, area program director at the American Cancer Society.

Avena said the best way for people to detect problems that may lead to skin cancer is to become familiar with their skin, especially those who have moles and freckles.

"Do frequent checks and notice if there is a change in size or if they are painful," Avena said.

Dan Stulberg, a doctor at Utah Valley Family Practice Center, said the spot check is for people who have noticed a spot and are concerned.

Stulberg said people should avoid excessive exposure to the sun, and those who are outside a lot should wear sunscreen with UVA and UVB protection and with a sun protection factor of 25 or higher.

People should be especially careful at high altitudes because there is less protection from the atmosphere which filters the sun's rays, Stulberg said.

During the winter months, many sun lovers go to tanning beds to maintain the "bronzed look."

"We do not recommend tanning booths due to the possibility of photo aging and damage to skin which may possibly lead to skin cancers," Stulberg said.

Kathryn Sonners, an employee at Electric Beach, a tanning salon in Provo, said the salon requires its tanners to read and sign a form before tanning.

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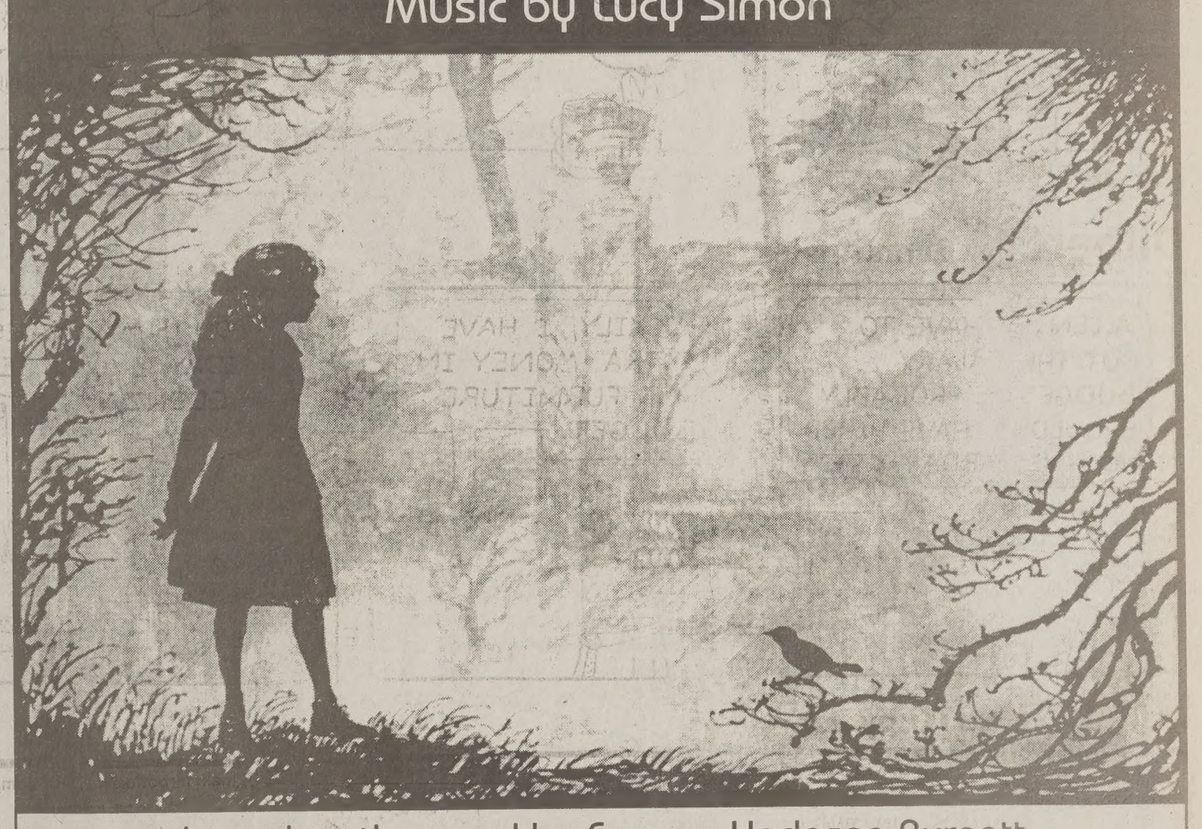

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3 Broncos or Chargers
4 Veer suddenly
5 Campaign ad feature
6 Scrabble piece
7 Broiling locale
8 Pains in the neck
9 To the point
10 The East
11 Summon Michael Jordan and John Stockton?
12 Take-out words
13 War god
18 Office fastener
22 Gravy spot
24 Prefix with center
26 Glaciers
27 Like illegally parked cars, sometimes
28 Get together
29 Summon a cable magnate?
30 Derby prospect
31 French fashion magazines
33 "Waste not, want not," e.g.
34 Ran
37 Malicious gossip
41 Was bedbound
46 Snaky letter
48 Chefs' wear
50 Was almost out of inventory
52 Get-well site
54 Study late
55 Ambiance
57 Baseball's Yastrzemski
58 German article
59 Links target
60 Washington bills
61 Student's book
63 "No dice"
65 Bill

DOWN

27 Small change for a Brit
32 Unimagined
35 Broadcast studio sign
36 Any hit by Elvis
38 Hubbub
39 Artificial locks
40 Summon the elected?
42 Hit on the knuckles
43 Sorbonne summer
44 Bottle capacity
45 Common nest locale
47 Fine point
49 Under pressure
51 —— Nile
53 Opponent of D.D.E.
54 Songstress Vikki
56 Dressed, so to speak
59 Trendy
62 Talk a blue streak
64 Summon actress Sharon?
66 —— football (indoor sport)
67 Cartoonist Peter
68 "A Clockwork Orange" hooligan
69 Cattail's locale
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Digital stamp tries to stick in testing

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The United States Postal Service is testing software that allows a new form of postage to be printed from personal computers.

The digital stamp, being tested in Washington, D.C., is a combination of human readable information and a two-dimensional bar code.

It contains delivery information and a digital signature that makes each individual piece of mail unique, said Jeff Green, co-founder of Stamps.com.

Stamps.com, a USPS authorized and regulated company, is one of four companies that have developed systems that allows home computer users to print legal USPS postage. Neo Post, E-stamp and Pitney Bowes are the other three competing companies.

The electronic postage is the first postage system to be approved in 78 years. The last to receive the stamp of approval was the postage meter in 1920.

To obtain digital stamps, customers must first download about three megabytes of software from the Web site www.stamps.com. The next step is to register online with Stamps.com and apply for a USPS license. Then the user must purchase an electronic money transfer and purchase postage on a credit card or bank account, Green said.

"This is really going to change the way to do postage," Green said. The electronic stamp was developed for small companies that cannot afford a postage meter.

"It's geared towards companies that use $30 to $400 of postage a month," he said.

The digital stamp is still being tested in Washington D.C. and a few other cities.

"The word that rings back is that it's very convenient," Green said. The final USPS approval is still to pending, but is expected by mid-year.

The USPS has a goal to accommodate the customer.

"Our basic position is that we want postage to be available as easily as humanly possible to our customers," said Norm Scherstrom, spokesman for USPS. "This is just a logical extension of our effort to make stamps easy to use."

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Two students purchase stamps at the post office in the Wilkinson Student Center. New technology may allow customers to print postage from their personal computers in the future.

Utah blenders spin into businesses

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BYU students who enjoy drinking Zuka Juice smoothies have a Utah County man to thank.

Tom Dickson, founder of the K-TEC blender company and BYU alumnus, sells his high-tech blenders to Subway, Hogi Yogi, Zuka Juice and Starbucks Coffee, to name a few. Dickson received the 1998 "Most Innovative Product" award from the Utah Valley Entrepreneurial Forum with his smoothie blender.

The square-shaped half-gallon blender is the first to use ball bearings and microprocessor controls. It was the first blender to have a quiet box surrounding the blender to limit the noise, said Dickson, who graduated from BYU in manufacturing engineering technology in 1971.

"When you're putting out a thousand smoothies a day, you've got to have a quiet box," he said.

The blender was originally part of the Champ Mixer, which Spencer Hale, a BYU alumnus, helped develop to challenge the popular Bosch mixing machine.

However, companies began purchasing the mixer just to use the blender, Dickson said.

Eight years ago, after selling more than $40 million in mixers, K-TEC started producing the blenders separately for commercial use, he said. K-TEC's success has not gone unnoticed by the competition.

Dickson said three companies provide blender competition: Vitamix, Hamilton Beach and Wearing. The latter two have attempted to buy out the company and copy the K-TEC blender.

However, Dickson does not plan on letting go of his financial foot hold any time soon. "Over the last six years, it has turned into 82 percent of our business. We dominate the commercial blender business," he said. "We'll double this year in sales."

Subway sandwich stores use both the K-TEC and the Vitamix blenders to put out between 50 and 100 smoothies a day at each location, said Shawn Cook, a Subway development agent. Cook compared the two blenders side by side.

"We didn't like the Vitamix as well. It didn't seem to have as much power and the switches were more mechanical," he said. "It didn't perform as well."

Utah-based company Hogi Yogi also prefers the K-TEC blender to others. Eric Kellems, director of research and development at Hogi Yogi, said they combined with K-TEC to develop a specialized blender.

House expert: Fed agencies slow on Y2K

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Federal agencies are belatedly responding to the Year 2000 computer problem, and some of the biggest departments, including Defense and State, are still lagging behind, a House expert said Monday.

Agencies, "are finally getting around in the last year to really putting some effort into this," Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., said in releasing his seventh quarterly "report card" on the status of efforts to what is known as the "Y2K" problem. Horn, who heads the House subcommittee on government management, information and technology, gave the 24 agencies he has followed an overall grade of "C+." That's up from the "D" grade handed down in his survey last November.

"At least we know there is recognition that 'Y2K' is not a new cereal," said Rep. Constance Morella, R-Md., who has worked to draw attention to the problem. President Clinton has given most federal agencies until March 31 to upgrade their computers so there will not be breakdowns in basic public services on Jan. 1, 2000. Most older computers use only two digits to mark what year it is, and could confuse 2000 with the year 1900 at the turn of the century, causing malfunctions and shutdowns.

John Koskinen, head of the president's Year 2000 Council, said he was pleased by Horn's latest assessment. Horn, Koskinen said, "has complained I was overoptimistic, but when the dust settles, we'll find that I was more right than he -- I am delighted with that."

LDS girl petitions for more family films

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A petition drive headed by a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints parallels the results of a study promoting the production of more family-friendly films.

Elise Jenkins, 17, from Everton, Ark., has set up an online service in an attempt to obtain one million signatures from people who want Hollywood film makers to edit R-rated films and produce more films for the family audience.

"I first got the idea to do this when I was 14," Jenkins said. "My mom and I were watching a movie with a lot of unneeded scenes in it, and we started discussing what we could do to make a difference."

Jenkins now uses the Web site http://www.goodworks.net/elise/petition-letter-01.shtml to receive signatures over the Internet. She has received about 30,000 signatures so far in her campaign, and expects to have one million signatures by June.

The Dove Foundation, a non-profit organization, is also campaigning for more family-oriented films.

A study done by the organization reveals that G-rated films bring in eight times more gross profit than R-rated films. The study also shows that in the last 10 years Hollywood has produced 17 times more R-rated films than G-rated films.

"The Lion King" is G-rated and is the sixth-highest-grossing release, earning $329.7 million from North American theaters, the Dove report says.

In contrast, The Dove Foundation found that the highest-grossing R-rated film, "Beverly Hills Cop," is ranked 17th with $234.8 million. It was released 15 years ago.

"Moviegoers are not crying out for endless sequels of 'Rugrats' and 'Barney' but are looking for high-quality action-adventures, comedies, dramas and thrillers, minus the gratuitous sex, violence and profanity," said Dick Rolfe, president and CEO of Grand Rapids, a Michigan-based media advocacy group.

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